

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

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c. Castro was shrill on the subject of [] raids during an impromptu interview last Saturday. He tried to convey the idea that they were a big factor in his deliberations on whether to sign the test-ban treaty.

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d. Castro warned that the raids, "financed encouraged, and abetted by the US," could lead to a crisis worse than that of last October.

e. Moscow has chipped in with another denunciation of these "provocations," which, it rather mildly charges, are the work of exiles wishing to drag the US into a military conflict with Cuba.

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2. South Vietnam

a. Viet Cong [redacted]
[redacted] in northern South Vietnam
have been unusually active since
late last month.

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b. Some of these are believed
to serve points along the infiltra-
tion routes from the north. Their
heightened activity could mean that
Viet Cong strength in this area is
being augmented.

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3. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The fissure between Peiping
and Moscow grows wider.

b. Chinese representatives in
Sweden have twice assured Swedish
officials that, if the Swedes were
ever attacked by the Soviets, China
would come to Sweden's aid.

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c. For their part, the Soviets have a delegation in Karachi seeking landing rights in Pakistan "just in case" Aeroflot needs an alternate to its route via Sinkiang to New Delhi.

d. A Soviet official in Belgrade, probing US reaction to Tito's Latin American trip, has observed that the latter's views on coexistence were surely preferable to the Chinese, and Castroist, policies now being spread there.

4. Arab World

a. The Egyptians are showing some alarm at signs of an effort by the Baathist regimes in Syria and Iraq to expand Baath party influence in North Africa.

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5. Malaysia

a. The Indonesians, hoping to forestall any breaking of ranks by the Philippines, were trying over the weekend to get a [redacted]

[redacted] message from Subandrio to Philippine Foreign Minister Lopez.

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b. [redacted] the purpose of the message was to give Lopez a better idea of Indonesia's stand on "important questions" relating to Malaysia.

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c. The Indonesians may have gotten wind of the Lopez view, conveyed to Ambassador Stevenson yesterday, that the Philippines might find it possible to accept a UN report if it was sufficiently categorical and sweeping in support of Malaysia.

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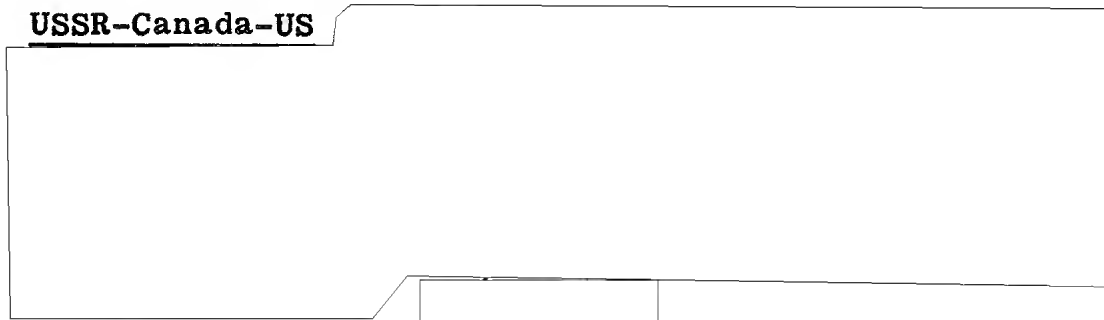
NOTES

- A. Laos Vientiane has returned to normal this morning. Security restrictions have been lifted except in the immediate area of Pathet Lao headquarters. The possibility that the Phoumi forces would overreact to yesterday's incident and use it to remove the Pathets from Vientiane seems to be fading.
- B. South Vietnam The Saigon regime has apparently launched an all-out effort to clamp down on anti-government student outbursts. According to late press reports, armed combat troops and police have moved into all the city's high schools. One report says that five have been closed.
- C. USSR A new Soviet space operation is probably in the works. [REDACTED] 50X1
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- D. USSR--Military Moscow may be taking a hesitant first step toward implementing Khrushchev's intention [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] to reduce Soviet military spending. Although all the returns are not yet in, circumstances surrounding this year's call up of draftees lead us to believe that some reduction in the size of Soviet forces could result.

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E. USSR-Canada-US

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F. Yugoslavia-Brazil Tito has cut his Brazilian visit from eight to four days in the face of opposition from Brazilian conservatives. He is scheduled to arrive on 18 September.

G. Turkey Turkish leaders remain edgy about disaffection in the armed forces. Arrests have been made in connection with alleged schemes to free those involved in the abortive May attempt to overthrow the government.